

Application No. 10/561,668
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Amendments to the Specification:

ABSTRACT ON SEPARATE PAGE

Please delete the current abstract and replace it with the following:

A method of issuing a ticket, paid for with illegal payment means during a transaction between a user and a ticket vending machine, where if the payment means are identified as being illegal, the printed ticket is marked in such a manner as to enable the marked ticket to be distinguished from a regular ticket during an inspection operation.

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Please replace paragraph [0011] with the following amended paragraph [0011]:

In one known method, when the machine detects that the payment means being used are illegal, the machine refuses the payment. The ~~sanction~~ transaction is thus that the cheat then cannot obtain the desired ticket.

Please replace paragraph [0052] with the following amended paragraph [0052]:

In a third variant of the invention shown in FIG. [[8]] 6, the marked ticket 28M includes a symbol 44 that is modified compared with a regular ticket 28R.

Please replace paragraph [0057] with the following amended paragraph [0057]:

Such a ticket 46R is designed to be inspected by a specific reader (~~not shown~~).